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## Teachers increase pressure on government

*High school and AAEC included in planned one-day strike*

JENN WATT

Editor

The union representing secondary school teachers says its members at certain school boards, including Trillium Lakelands District School Board, will participate in a second one-day strike on Wednesday, Dec. 11, if a deal cannot be made with the provincial government.

The announcement came on Friday, two days following the first one-day strike of Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation members on Dec. 4, which closed schools across the province including Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

TLDSB updated its website on Friday announcing that the strikes will affect teachers at its secondary and adult and alternate education schools and that following the strike on Dec. 11, teachers would be returning to work Dec. 12.

Elementary schools are not affected, although those teachers, represented by a different union, are in the midst of

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### Dancers light up the stage

Michaela McCready-DeBruin performs in the Chinese Tea scene in *The Nutcracker* during dress rehearsal held for elementary school students on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Staged by the Heritage Ballet Studio on Dec. 6 and 7, the annual Christmas show was choreographed by Julie Barban, costumes designed and produced by Dani Smolen and supported by volunteers, including parents and guardians. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Climate activist and beekeeper named 'enviro-heroes'

JENN WATT

Editor

A beekeeper and a student climate activist were honoured by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust as this year's "enviro-heroes" during a presentation at their office in Haliburton on Dec. 5.

Ron Lofthouse, an apiarist based in Haliburton, and Jurgen Shantz, a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were lauded for their efforts to improve the environment and pass their knowledge and passion on to others.

Mary-Lou Gerstl, HHLT chairwoman, said the enviro-hero award recognizes "unsung heroes" who are making a difference in education or environmental stewardship.

She said Lofthouse had been chosen because of the instruction he provides in the Haliburton community around bees and their importance to the environment.

"Ron tells people about bees at every opportunity, whether it be farmers' markets or craft shows. With three hives in his backyard, Ron is available to demonstrate to anyone who's interested in learning how honey is taken or what the inside of a beehive looks like," she said.

Lofthouse took distance education courses at Cornell University to obtain his

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# Funding to map wetland complex near Minden

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specialization in beekeeping.  
“We know the dire consequences we will face if they [bees] do not survive. The work that Ron Lofthouse does for his entire life has greatly helped in bringing attention to this wonderful and fascinating insect,” Gerstl said.

Lofthouse was not available to accept the award as he had volunteer commitments at the same time, driving patients to their medical appointments.

Shantz was also named an enviro-hero at the gathering, praised by the HHLT chairwoman for his work in mobilizing the community to take part in climate action protests, following the lead of Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg.

Besides organizing protests, he has also attended the environment and climate change committee of Dysart et al council and Gerstl relayed his message to local politicians.

“When asked how council can help with climate change, his message was go green, including solar panels, banning plastic water bottles and everyone must do their part. It is a message we must all take to heart,” she said.

She also read out a message from Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts: “We need citizens, especially young people, to participate in making this world a better place. Giving Jurgen this award will



The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust honoured two “enviro-heroes” at this year’s open house event Dec. 5. Jurgen Shantz and Ron Lofthouse were named this year’s heroes. From left, land trust board members Dave Bathe, Joan Duhaime, Shantz, Sharon Lynch (on behalf of Ron Lofthouse), land trust chairperson Mary-Lou Gerstl and board member Sheila Ziman. / JENN WATT Staff

help solidify and encourage his efforts and I have no doubt he will go on to great things in his career and personal life.”

The land trust’s open house included a mingling portion, including snacks, information about the organization’s recent

projects and maps of areas that have been protected. Gerstl said the last year has included substantial donations and that they’re currently working on three grant projects.

Most recently, they announced Climate

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We need citizens, especially young people, to participate in making this world a better place.

— Mayor Andrea Roberts

Action Fund dollars from the federal government that will be spent mapping and evaluating the Kendrick Creek Wetland Complex, representing 849-hectares of wetlands that flow from South Lake to the Irondale River in the Minden Hills area. Part of the complex includes wetlands from the Fred and Pearl Barry Wetland Reserve, which is protected by the HHLT.

The hope is that the wetland complex will be deemed a “provincially significant wetland,” which will enhance protection of the land. Wetlands help combat climate change because they are carbon sinks. They also mitigate flooding by absorbing storm water and slowing surface waters through vegetation. Many species at risk can also be found in local wetlands.

## 3D Giving Day

Haliburton’s Lucas Lawson, 5, focuses on his creation while his father Brett works on his own piece at the first-ever 3D Giving Day event at the Haliburton County Public Library branch in Haliburton on Tuesday, Dec. 3. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Bottom left, a participant puts the final touches on a tree from the Dr. Seuss classic, *The Lorax* at the 3D Giving Day at the Haliburton County Public Library branch in Haliburton on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The event recognized both the International 3D Printing Day and Giving Tuesday, happening on the same day. Several participants used the 3D printing pens to create popular literary characters and setting elements such as Seussical trees inspired by *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* and *The Lorax*. /DARREN LUM Staff



# Government proposal would 'drastically' change education system, teacher says

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work-to-rule job action.

OSSTF says that its issues include the government's planned increases to average class sizes, mandatory online credits, and cost-of-living wage increases.

Pressure is being put on the government because of what is at stake for the education system, said HHSS teacher Ryan Merritt, branch president for the OSSTF District 15, while out on the picket line Dec. 4.

"What's proposed by the government is drastically going to change education as we know it and we are here to stop the cuts ... [which would increase] class-room sizes, [the introduction of mandatory] online learning, and yes, the wage increase is part of that as well, but this action is really propelled by the cuts to classroom resources and how it affects the students," he said.

Currently, the provincial government's bargaining team is proposing class size averages of 25, up from 22, and two mandatory online learning credits as a graduation requirement.

Merritt said that he teaches a guitar class at HHSS that, due to class size requirements, includes students from Grade 9 to 12, who have a wide range of skill and experience levels, making his job particularly challenging.

"I'm pulled in so many different directions, physical locations, I'm pulled. It's difficult, it's really hard," he said, adding how much he enjoys teaching guitar.

Teachers say increasing the class sizes further divides the teacher's time, giving less attention to students and that e-learning doesn't work for all students, who have various learning styles and skills. More than one teacher told the *Echo* during the protest that the e-learning component goes against past policy of accommodating students' learning styles.

"You have years and years of skill development on differentiated instruction and learning styles and learning skills and all of a sudden you mandate two online learning platforms without any consideration of what we've been doing for the last 10 years or more with PD [professional development] and adjusting and accommodating. That doesn't happen on an online platform," Merritt said.

He also pointed out that in Haliburton County, not all homes have access to the internet.

In a statement on Wednesday, Dec. 4, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce said the government was reasonable in negotiations and said OSSTF "have not made any substantial moves since their first proposal was tabled. Even while the government made enhanced offers, there is no indication OSSTF intends to make any moves, except to affirm their insistence on a \$1.5 billion increase in pay and benefits."

On Dec. 7, Harvey Bischof, president of OSSTF, addressed that statement: "OSSTF/FEESO's compensation proposal of a cost of living adjustment pegged to inflation for our members has a value of \$200 million, a different order of magnitude from the minister's claim."



Teachers walk along the sidewalk on County Road 21 outside Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Wednesday, Dec. 4 as part of their one-day strike. They returned to the classroom on Thursday, however, work-to-rule continues, limiting some of the administrative work done. A second one-day strike is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 11. /JENN WATT Staff



Teachers went on a one-day strike Dec. 4 outside the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, supported by EAs and community members. A second one-day strike is planned for secondary schools and AAECs on Wednesday, Dec. 11 if a deal is not made with the province. /JENN WATT Staff



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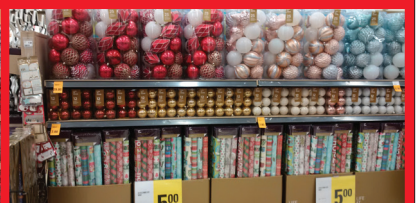
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# Public meeting garners community's support for firefighters

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The message was clear following the public meeting facilitated by the Highlands East firefighters on Saturday night: Help us help you.

Led by main speaker and firefighter Tom Burroughs, the evening meeting on Dec. 7 at the Highland Grove Community Centre addressed the specific issues for firefighters related to findings released in two reports: the Highlands East Building Condition Assessment Report and the Highlands East Organization Assessment, which included the cost of equipment and maintenance and repairs to stations. The organization assessment recommended the reduction of stations from five to four or three.

Burroughs said he believed the costs in the reports were over inflated and condition characterizations were inaccurate, particularly for stations two, four and station six. He questioned the methodology of how the Highlands East Organization Assessment reached its conclusions, which were based on observation and in part on interviews with council and staff members. Not one firefighter was consulted, he added.

He and other firefighters did not dispute that repairs and maintenance are required. They questioned the extent and what items were listed in the report. For one case, the approximate \$50,000 cost related to the installation of a floor drain is not accurate, he said, since there is one in place, but was hidden from view,

obstructed by a fire truck. There was also an assessment of the building with station two, which wrongly identified areas of concern and mischaracterized other areas in terms of condition.

If such an apparent mistake was made what other inaccuracies are there, Burroughs said.

The firefighters had two questions: if there is a record of repairs related to maintenance costs, and if the township's building department performs regular review of facilities to establish a list of costs to maintain buildings?

"Do we have to get somebody in every 10 years for \$55,000 just to review our buildings, or can that be done in-house?" he said.

He added a building doesn't need replacing overnight. Where was the oversight when it comes to the building department, who have been around these buildings?

In referencing the Walter Fedy building condition report, which assessed 34 of the municipality's facilities, Burroughs outlined a few major points of concern such as the inflated cost recommended and what particular costs are associated with health and safety requirements and what is a luxury item. He cited the unnecessary \$12,000 cost for a kitchen replacement at station six, which must be done by 2020. The report recommended more than \$2 million in repairs for all buildings by 2020 and \$567,500 for just station two. These kinds of figures are misleading for the public and decision-makers, he said.

That said, council has been public

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*Our primary goal is life safety in the community. That's why we signed on for this.*

—Stephane Stern

about not deciding anything, he added.

"They'll probably keep saying that as long as anyone mentions it, which is good. Hopefully they do, but what we don't want to see is them bring that number out to everybody and everybody see a great big number and say, 'Oh, that's a lot of money. You know, what can we do?' and it does get passed. We want to make sure that the public see these figures and see that a lot of it is false," he said.

He and all the firefighters in attendance recognize repairs are needed at the stations. However, with a large area to cover, the firefighters do not want to see any closures as a result of these reports. They want to maintain what they have. Closures, which seems to be a likelihood if people only look at the large figures, is a safety concern to the public and firefighters, they say.

Burroughs said the public needs to be informed of any decisions related to service and that the firefighters want greater input when it comes to decisions that will affect their ability to perform their jobs.

"They've not reviewed the costs or effectiveness of what we currently have. They've not listed any deficiencies or given us any financial information that would indicate a problem with the current system. Instead of looking at ways of improving what we have they have moved ahead at options at reduce the coverage and effectiveness of our fire services," Burroughs said.

Station two district fire chief Doug Bowen said whenever repairs for station two have been requested over the past several years, it's been put off. This has gone for years with different councils

passing it on to the next one.

"If the building needs repair, you should be looking at it every year," he said. "And then you want repairs done? 'Well, OK, OK.' It never happened. So now this report says, 'Oh, your buildings in really bad shape.' Well, whose fault is that?"

Station six firefighter Adam Szelei said response time is key and a closure could increase that.

Recalling a house fire call: "We were so fast to get there because of station six we were able to save their home. They lost their garage and Randy's golf clubs, but other than that ... had that been another five, 10 minutes, they would have lost their home," he said.

He added there were other homes that could have been lost too if not for the quick response.

Firefighter Stephane Stern said it's important to focus on the main function of the fire service, which is to save lives.

"Our primary goal is life safety in the community. That's why we signed on for this. I'm pretty sure that the DC [district chief] doesn't care if his kitchen is aesthetically pleasing or not. He cares whether he can get a truck out on the road to service a community. The same with us. I don't care if the walls are painted green, blue, red, or whatever. I don't stay at that hall full time. I care about when I open that door can I get apparatus out to help the public," he said.

He disputed the recommendation, saying this doesn't require a \$1.5 million new station.

When asked about ward two Councillor Suzanne Partridge, Burroughs said she was contacted, but declined to attend Saturday's meeting, citing previous plans.

He appreciated those who attended and hopes word spreads.

Firefighting requires time for training. Enlisting the help of the public to form an advocacy group, or "watchdog" group would allow the firefighters do their job.

"A lot of nights we get caught up in this kind of stuff. If we had a group of people that would go to the Fire Committee meeting, even if they could go to council meetings, and keep an eye on what is being said in regards to the fire halls. Make sure that nothing does get passed or pushed through without everybody's input," he said.

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# Province in process of deconstructing LHINs

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Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 5 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board.*

The Ford government continues its streamlining of the province's health-care system, which is planned to include the eventual elimination of the 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) that were created under the province's previous Liberal government. They are being replaced with what the province is calling Ontario Health Teams, which are more localized in format.

"The 14 LHINs, the leadership of the 14 Local Health Integration Networks has been transitioned over to a more regional leadership approach, where there's now five CEOs," HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer told board members. "The LHINs haven't been merged, but they've come together under a single leadership umbrella."

"That structure is going to be in place on an interim basis," Plummer said, until the transition to Ontario Health Teams is complete.

"There have already been a number of Ontario Health Teams across the province," Plummer said, adding one was the approval of the nearby Durham Ontario Health Team. There is a proposal in the works for a Haliburton Highlands Ontario Family Health Team.

"Our team remains in development," Plummer said, explaining a number of working groups have been created, which are working toward a full application.

## Lessons from power outage

A planned eight-hour power outage by Hydro One on Nov. 24 affected HHHS's Haliburton facility, but CEO Carolyn Plummer told board members the outage had gone smoothly, and that a plan that had been put in place could be used again in the future.

"We had a short window of time from when we were notified of the outage to when it actually happened," Plummer said. "But we were able to develop an

action plan and a mitigation strategy plan for how we were going to make sure all of our patients, residents, families visitors and staff . . . were safe during that process and that services weren't disrupted during that process."

HHHS met with reps from Hydro One leading up to the outage, and also made arrangements with partner organizations such as the county's EMS department and regional hospitals.

"Everything went smoothly," Plummer said, adding that the process that had been developed could be used for any planned outages in the future. "It was nice to have the opportunity to go through that planning exercise, and I think it puts us in a good position, it was a good opportunity to test out that planning process."

Plummer extended thanks to all who'd been involved in the process.

"We do have backup generators, but they don't service 100 per cent of everything in the building," she said. "There was certainly a lot of effort to make sure the patients didn't suffer any disruption in their care."

## Getting green

Irene Odell gave a report on the activities of HHHS's green advisory group, a relatively new group struck just a few months ago and led by Dr. Keith Hay.

"The goal of the group is to really make HHHS more environmentally responsible," Odell said, "and looking at reducing our carbon footprint, help with education and staff and leadership about the link between health and climate change and the impact that it has."

Efforts will focus mostly on more environmentally sustainable staff operations.

"We're focusing really internally, initially," Odell said.

## Palliative brochure

"An end-of-life brochure has been put together that looks at palliative and medical assistance in death services that are provided at HHHS, and that will be soon available throughout the hospital," Dr. Keith Hay, interim chief of staff told board members.

Hay said that members of HHHS's medical advisory committee had also recently

taken in a presentation from the software firm that will be supplying HHHS's electronic medical records system.

## Deficit remains

"We are continuing to face the financial pressure of the Highlands Wood roof issue," finance committee chairman David O'Brien told the board.

Multiple roof leaks resulted in the closure of the Highland Wood long-term care home earlier this year resulted in its closure for nearly four months.

The deficit for expenses incurred was initially \$245,000 and currently sits at \$205,000. The closure, its resulting staff

implications and the repair of the roof itself led to those costs.

"We're continuing to work with the LHIN to address our funding shortfalls, especially in the long-term care area," O'Brien said, referencing the fact the LHINs are in the process of being transformed by province. "So, that muddies the water a little bit, if you want," he said, "not to say that in negative way, but the LHINs are in transition and they are our funders and we have to deal with that change."

O'Brien said 2020/21 balanced operating plans have been submitted to the LHIN for approval. "They are submitted with no reduction in our services, and that's the important point I'd like to make."



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## Making lives safer

**L**AST FRIDAY MARKED the 30th anniversary of the deaths of 14 women at École Polytechnique in Montreal during the deadliest mass shooting in Canada's history. It's a date frequently described as a turning point, when a sense of safety was lost – especially for women.

Dec. 6 was marked this year with solemnity and resolve as dignitaries gathered at Mount Royal for a ceremony, which included 14 beams of light, reaching through the darkness into the sky representing the lives lost and the potential that will never be realized.

Their names – Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard, Annie St-Arneault, Annie Turcotte and Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz – were read aloud by two current students at the school.

Not all of the women were engineering students, though most were, but each had her own dreams and plans for the years ahead. These were smart, ambitious women.

Their lives were taken by a gunman who sought them out, at one point separating the women from the men, killing 14 and injuring another 13. His suicide note explained that he believed feminists had ruined his life.

The anniversary is important to remember not only because it is a great national tragedy, but also because the gunman specifically targeted women and the feminist principles of gender equality and the right to self-determination that these women represented.

It was also a public manifestation of an epidemic of violence against women that continues to this day.

Of course, Haliburton County is not immune. At this year's Take Back the Night march in September, a counsellor from the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton said her organization saw "a 30 per cent increase in the number of women seeking services by the transition support workers in Minden" from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019. There was a 38 per cent increase in those accessing the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace, also known as HERS.

According to the YWCA's Impact Report for the last year, HERS was used for 935 nights by local women and children escaping abuse. That's a 98 per cent occupancy rate.

Canada-wide, the Canadian Women's Foundation reports that "On any given night in Canada, 3,491 women and their 2,724 children sleep in shelters because it isn't safe at home."

There are very good programs out there to address violence against women, from helping those who have survived abuse to changing the culture so that women are treated equally and with respect, but they need constant support and advocacy.

For example, although the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre provides help for people from Haliburton County, it has no local office for local people to attend. A physical presence in the county could go a long way for those who have experienced trauma.

Dec. 6 gives us the reminder that there is much still to be done. Making progress requires acknowledgement of the problem, commitment to supporting existing programs and following up with private donations and our tax dollars.



jenn watt

# Editorial



Frosty morning

by Darren Lum

## Jann Arden

**T**HIS ARTICLE IS dedicated to you. You who looks after a parent, a spouse, a child, a friend or if you are someone in need of a little cheer and inspiration. Or if you are someone who loves music or a good laugh.

We all need to be uplifted at times and if you need that, I hope this article will give you one way. I am aware that there are many people around me who are giving a lot to help others and it can be hard and tiring. We must keep finding our own sources of inspiration and energy so that we don't burn out. There are many ways of doing this. One person who I get inspiration from is Jann Arden.

I have been a big fan of hers for many years. She is a multi talented Canadian singer, songwriter, author, actress, storyteller and risk taker. I have followed her online, in the news, in her books and have laughed out loud and cried along with her. When she performs, or is interviewed, she is totally herself, down to earth and honest about her life and about things that aren't always easy.

She acknowledges that being human is hard work, and that the whole point of living is to navigate relationships with all the people who touch her life every day. That is not always easy. Sometimes things are hard. Last week I watched her Christmas show on CTV, which you can go online and watch. The show was called *Jann Arden One Night Only*. The pro-

gram was beautiful and it might just inspire you if you decide to watch it. She sings four songs (with a really fantastic backup band) and her voice is beautiful and rich. One song is a Christmas song and you can hum along! I loved that, but even more I loved the stories she shared about her life, and about building a house next to her parents and caring for them as they aged. She acknowledged that it wasn't always easy.

Her mother had Alzheimer's and there were challenges and laughter as it progressed. Her stories made me think about my own mother-in-law who has Alzheimer's. Betty, who is 90, is the most delightful, positive and determined person you will ever meet. Jann talked about how her mother said "the good thing about Alzheimer's is that it made me forget to

be afraid." We have had that same experience with Betty. She fell and broke her hip last year and because she kept forgetting it happened she recovered quickly and easily. To this day she is running up and down the halls of the residence she lives in.

Jann talks about how hard it is to be a caregiver and at the same time wouldn't trade the time or the experiences for anything. She acknowledges that looking after her parents made her a better person. And it wasn't easy. None of it is easy. But it is what it is and we carry on. There are many ways of getting inspired, and it is important to seek them out!

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# points of view

## Time machine

**M**Y GROUND-BREAKING discovery started, as all great scientific advancements do, when I walked in the kitchen to see what was for dinner. The time on our oven display was 2:02 p.m.

The venison chili in the crock pot smelled good, it turns out. So I stirred it and left the kitchen for a few moments.

When I returned, the clock on the oven read 1:56 p.m. Six minutes earlier than when I left it.

I was at first confused by this but I knew there must be a simple, even logical, explanation. So I harnessed the vast powers of my intellect and soon came up with it.

I had unwittingly invented a time machine.

This was not one of those phony *Back to the Future* movie time machines that involved unlikely components such as a DeLorean sports car, a lightning strike and a flux capacitor either.

No, this one was grounded in science. For it involved an old crock pot, an oven clock, a fantastic recipe for venison chili and a talent for scientific discovery.

I paced around the kitchen a bit longer and soon came to the conclusion I was right. For the next time I looked up, it was 1:54 p.m.

That's when it occurred to me that I was hurtling back in time so quickly that I was now a full eight minutes younger.

Yet, I still needed confirmation.

So I phoned Jenn and asked two important questions.

First: Did you happen to buy a DeLorean and a flux capacitor without telling me?

Second: What time is it?

Her answers confirmed both my worst fear and greatest hope. She

still had her old Pontiac Vibe. And it was 3:36 p.m. in her world.

Clearly, this time travel was more complicated than I thought.

By now, our time machine/oven clock was reading 1:52 p.m.

This was great – and not just because it gave me more time to reach my deadline.

No, it also occurred to me that I was feeling the effects of my newfound journey towards youth. I went to the TV and, for the first time ever, was able to successfully use the \$%#! remote. It occurred to me that I hadn't used the phrase "You call that music?" for at least 15 minutes.

I could not help notice a new, albeit slight, spring in my step too. My bladder seemed less insistent than normal. And, as if I needed any more proof that I was getting younger, I remembered I needed to go to the post office and also located my car keys and reading glasses immediately.

The phone rang.

It was the old girl.

"Hey Jenn," I said.

"I was just wondering, based on the questions you asked me on our last phone call, did you happen to slip and bang your head?" she said.

"No," I said. "But I think when you come home tonight you are going to get the shock of your life."

"You didn't take up taxidermy again did you?" she asked.

"No," I said. "I am getting..."

But just as I was about to break the news to her that I was getting younger by the minute, she said, "Oh, I forgot to mention that I set the timer on the oven for eight hours before I left for work. There is probably somewhere around an hour and 40 minutes to go on it. When it beeps turn the crock pot off. Now what were you going to say?"

"Oh, yeah ... Well, remember that song we listened to in the car yesterday," I replied.

"Yes," she said.

"You call that music?"



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Loon Tales



## pic of the past

**T**his photo is from the Coopers' Hunt Camp on Kennis Lake. Back row: Lorne, Al, Marie and Sid. Front row: Elva, Stan, Earl, Louise and Eleanor. Our thanks to Eleanor Cooper for bringing in this photo.

## letters to the editor

# Students help seniors with new technology

To the Editor,

Thanks to the students of Mr. Dulong's Computer Application class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The class of Grade 9 and 10 students hosted 22 local seniors who had questions about their personal phones, tablets or computers. Questions like "how do I send a message to my friend from my phone?" or "can I get my phone numbers from my computer onto my phone?"

The purpose of the class, called Cyber Seniors, was to get seniors better acquainted with current communication devices. The tech giants are the

young people who use these phones and computers as part of their daily life. The seniors learned about technology and the students learned how to communicate with people who may not hear as well or see as clearly as they do!

CARP Chapter 54 is really pleased with the success of the program and sends thanks to the high school, Mr. Dulong, the seniors who participated and in particular the students who helped us better understand today's communication environment.

Jon Dannewald  
CARP Cyber Seniors Coordinator

# U-Links thanks community hosts, students and volunteers for fall research projects

U-Links Centre for Community Based Research would like to thank its hosts, volunteers and students for a successful fall semester full of exciting and relevant research.

Student researchers from Trent University and Fleming College have been very active this fall. Their research has carried them to the county's local lakes, touring farmers' markets and provincial parks, and participating in the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival. Collectively, student groups have examined thousands of aquatic bugs in an effort to monitor lake health for numerous local lake associations. Others are gearing up to survey local residents on topics such as plastics reduction and youth attraction and retention.

None of this research and hands-on learning experience would be possible without local host organizations and volunteers. U-Links is thankful for all the host organizations who have been so active, engaged, and committed this fall term. An extra special thanks goes to all those who drove to Peterborough to meet

with students, taxied students around lakes in their boats, and provided the support and resources necessary for a successful project. U-Links is especially appreciative of the patience and support shown by local lake associations who participated in the pilot year of the new Benthos Biomonitoring Program.

"This has been a semester of unique opportunities, with our new Benthos Biomonitoring Program and an expansion of our partnership with Fleming College launching some exciting new initiatives for the community and our organization," said U-Links program co-ordinator Amanda Duncombe-Lee.

The Benthos Biomonitoring Program was made possible through a Seed Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to the Trent Centre for Community Based Education in partnership with U-Links. The program leverages the resources of lake associations, Trent University's School of the Environment and Fleming College's Environmental Technology

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# Daytime disco draws a crowd, moves the soul

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Under the disco balls hanging from the wooden rafters at the Rails End Gallery, lit by the glow of the refracted light, Toby, a retiree and volunteer, dances with the gallery's curator and director Laurie Jones, holding hands, both beaming and flashing great smiles.

Although the crowd wasn't large, it was warm and dynamic for the gallery's second Dancing in the Daytime event where the music thumped and dancers bumped, sharing laughs and periodic breaks in action, drinking soda and eating fruit.

For a couple weeks now, the gallery has hosted its afternoon dances, accompanied by music chosen by DJ Scott Duggan, who played vinyl records, a keyboard and a drum, and projected videos, depicting dancers on a screen off to his side.

Toby, who asked to be referred to in this article by first name only, presented the idea to start the daytime dance party after seeing a BBC documentary featuring the colatec, a Korean phenomenon where seniors dance in night clubs during the daytime.

Toby remembers being struck by the concept and how it could apply here.

"I thought that would be cool. We need this in Haliburton," she said.

She said she is just a senior who wanted to get involved.

The colatec is a portmanteau of "cola" and "discotheque."

The popularity in Korea is owed to a rapidly aging population, who are seeking an inexpensive leisure activity. It has given older people a place to not only dance the day away and benefit physically, but to enjoy the social aspects, finding acceptance and friendship.

Toby believes seniors in the Highlands could benefit too.

"There are so many widows and widowers and seniors. They're just at home sitting and watching TV. This would be



Rails End Gallery curator and director Laurie Jones, left, laughs while dancing with Barb Murphy at the Dancing in the Daytime event hosted from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Haliburton art gallery. The idea to host a dance (mainly for the 55 plus set) at the gallery was based on the colatec, which is from Korea and combines the words "cola" and "discotheque." Jones said anyone interested in dancing should check the gallery's website calendar for listings. /DARREN LUM

such a good thing to try to get them [to do]. Have a cup of coffee and interact," she said. "Especially in the off-season."

She's lived here for 22 years, volunteering with the gallery and helping with merchandising at the gallery's shop. Also an artist, she loves dancing.

Toby said she lives part time in Texas where dancing is very popular, particularly in southern parts of the state and in the city of San Antonio.

Retirees like her dance six to seven nights a week, she adds.

"There's guys dancing with their walkers," she said. "There's a lot of Tex-Mex, Spanish and old country and western [dancing]. We dance there. We get dressed and go dancing there seven

nights a week."

Jones said she wanted to use the time between shows at the gallery for community events, which will bring people together. The gallery has also hosted workshops and storytelling.

Another dancer was Barb Murphy, a volunteer with the gallery and also Canoe FM, who retired to the area more than seven years ago.

"I think it's good. It gets us up and gets us moving," she said.

She's a regular visitor to the gallery helping, but also comes for drumming

and ukulele night.

Jones said Dancing in the Daytime is "for the over 50 set."

Murphy, who had a smile, added, "And anyone else, who wants to shake their booty."

Jones said anyone interested in joining the fun another time will need to check the Rails End Gallery's calendar of events for other dates.

See a schedule of events at the gallery at railsendgallery.com.



Haliburton's Nancy Cook dances at the Dancing in the Daytime free admission event.



The lights were not the only things beaming, as people danced the afternoon away.







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### Mural is out of this world

Emma Gillam, left, and Samantha Pamplin stand with the mural they created at the Haliburton Highlands Adult and Alternate Education Centre. The project was part of their arts credit and took about two weeks to do including the planning and execution. It was also an example of repurposing, taking an old bulletin board and transforming it into an alternate universe. The artwork adorns the wall of the classroom upstairs in the Leonard Salvatori Education Centre in Haliburton. / JENN WATT Staff

## Many community partners made research possible

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Program, citizen scientists and other organizations to pilot and co-ordinate a system for benthic biomonitoring in the region. The Seed Grant along with support from Trent University, Haliburton County Development Corporation and the CIGan Career-Launcher Internship program has enabled U-Links to hire a project coordinator who has the necessary expertise to supervise biomonitoring research projects for local lake associations.

Community host organizations, volunteers, and community members are encouraged to attend the Annual Celebration of Research event on March 28, 2020 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. U-Links is excited to share the knowledge gathered by students and welcomes all from the community to attend!

If you have a project idea and are interested in hosting a project for the winter 2020 semester or the 2020-2021 academic year, please contact Amanda at U-Links: aduncombe-lee@ulinks.ca.

Submitted by U-Links

## Here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

### Black Friday winner

Congratulations to Doug Eastman of Minden, a longtime subscriber to the Minden Times, on winning a pair of Toronto Maple Leafs tickets during the Minden Times and Haliburton Echo subscription

promotion last month. Those buying a subscription or renewing on Black Friday had their names entered into the draw.

### Fill a Cruiser

The Haliburton Highlands OPP report that this year's Fill a Cruiser food drive

was a success with 869 bags of food collected and another \$952 in cash.

Police collected the donations in Haliburton and Minden on Saturday, Nov. 30 and took it all to local food banks.

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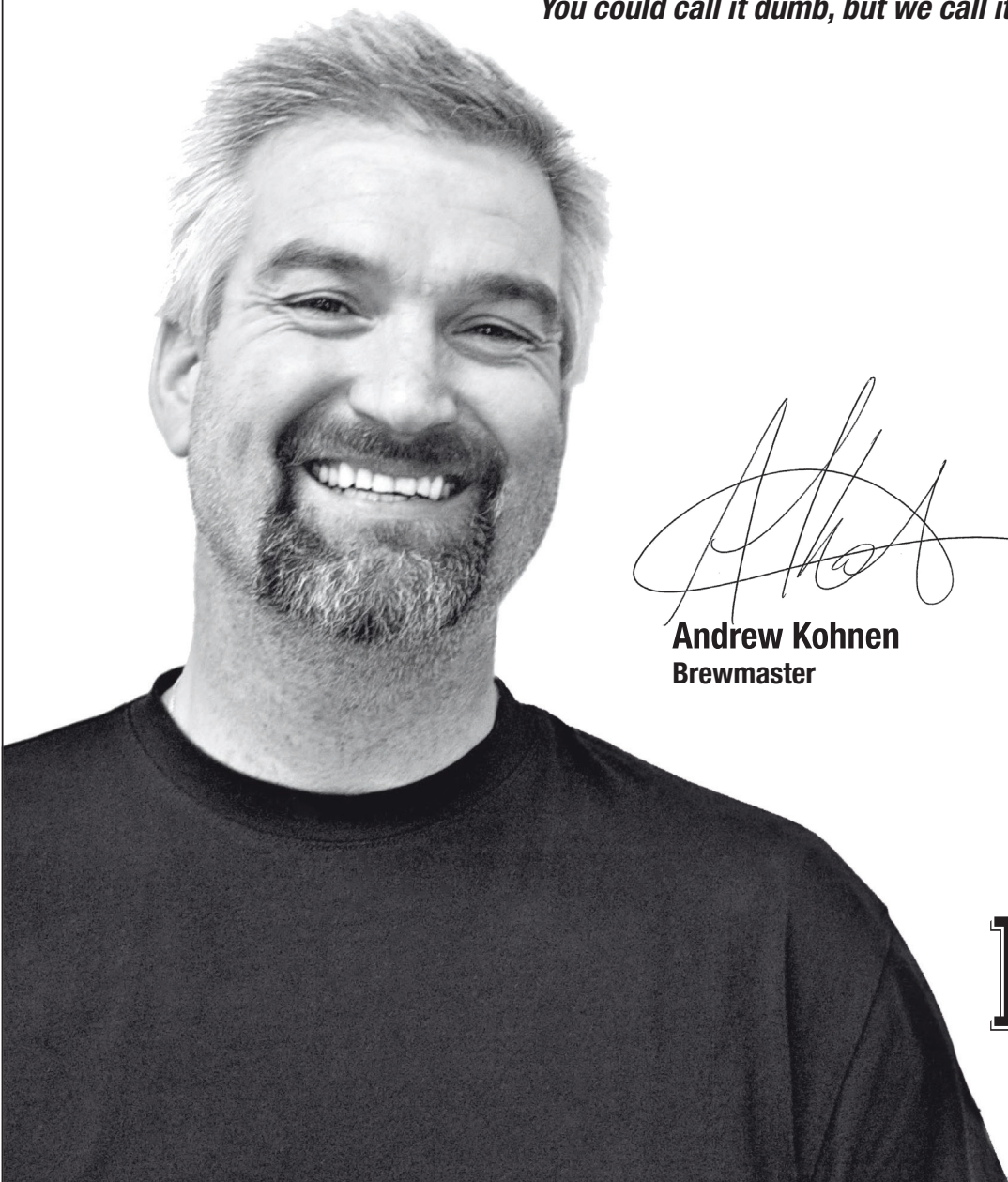


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A magical performance

The Land of Snow scene ends the first half for *The Nutcracker* during a dress rehearsal for elementary school students on Friday, Dec. 5 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Staged by the Heritage Ballet Studio, the annual Christmas show was choreographed by Julie Barban, costumes designed and produced by Dani Smolen and supported by volunteers including parents and guardians./DARREN LUM Staff



Ella Moynes holds a position as she performs as Snow Queen.



Charlotte Moynes dances during the Arabian Coffee scene.



Dancers in The Land of Snow scene twirl across the stage like snowflakes.



Avery Bullock, as Marie, looks to the audience, holding a nutcracker figurine.



Anthony Stephenson-Dumas, as the Nutcracker, fights with Nick Phippen, as The Mouse King.



# HHSS to stage *The Breakfast Club* this week

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

What's old is new again.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11/12 drama class is bringing the 1980s classic *The Breakfast Club* to the stage this week.

Released in 1985, the John Hughes produced and directed American movie is a seminal classic, depicting the struggles facing teenagers. The plot of the story is based on five high school students, serving detention on a Saturday. Each of them is representative of a typical clique, but share the same challenges of acceptance and approval from peers and parents.

To quote the movie's (spoiler alert), letter ending scene: "Dear Mr. Vernon, We accept the fact that we had to sacrifice the whole Saturday in detention for whatever it was we did wrong. But we think you're crazy to make us write an essay telling you who we think we are. You see us as you want to see us, in the simplest terms and the most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each one of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basket case, a princess, and a criminal. Does that answer your question? Sincerely yours, *The Breakfast Club*."

Abigail Kauffeldt, who is part of the cast and will perform a variety of duties to stage the show, said the movie resonates and is relevant to her and her cast mates, who watched it together after they chose to stage it.

"This provided us all with an even deeper understanding as well as desire to perform this play. After watching the production, there was so much the entire class and myself were able to take away from it," she wrote in an email. "To me this play is so much more than the way it is perceived at first glance. The idea of this movie revolves around five teenagers from all different cliques, coming together to spend a Saturday at detention. The characters and their words are deep as well as meaningful to the play. They show feeling, emotion and compassion toward one another. Even though they are so different, they are all so similar as well. They all have issues with their families, peer pressure and the way they are perceived by the world. These are some of the many emotions teenagers are experiencing today."

The cast includes Dakota Sawyer as John Bender, Cole Prentice as Andrew Clarke, Trista Greer as Claire Standish, Ruthie Parker as Allison Reynolds, Kauffeldt as Beth Johnson, and Krystin Hope as vice-principal Richard Vernon.

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*I hope they are able to see a little into what goes on inside of a teenager's life.*

— Abigail Kauffeldt



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is staging the well-known 1980s movie, *The Breakfast Club* from Dec. 15 to 17. The cast of *The Breakfast Club* includes Dakota Sawyer playing John Bender, Ruthie Parker playing Allison Reynolds, Abigail Kauffeldt playing Beth Johnson (instead of Brian Johnson), Trista Greer playing Claire Standish and Cole Prentice playing Andrew Clarke. Not pictured is Krystin Hope, who will be playing the school vice-principal, Richard Vernon. The shows are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Dec. 15 and then Dec. 16 and 17, both at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call 705-457-2950 for information and for tickets. Photo submitted by the Grade 11/12 HHSS drama class.

and Vernon.

Abigail said her role was changed from male in the original to female to reflect contemporary society.

"I am in fact playing a female version of Brian Johnson, my character is named Beth Johnson instead. There are quite a few reasons we chose to change this character, one being the amount of gender fluidity we are experiencing in our world," she wrote.

A perfectionist, Abigail identifies with her character, who is the classic academic overachiever.

"She is perceived as a brainiac or even a geek, but deep down she is looking for acceptance from her peers as well as family. She wants to be liked as well as loved. I share many traits that Beth has, including an ambitious attitude and always striving for being perfect in school," she wrote.

Drama teacher Ryan Merritt said his role with the play is as a facilitator for the students.

He's helping them explore the "characters' conflict and relationships with each other and the outside world. As they explore these characters there they begin to identify and relate to the different characters [and what] motivates them or isolates them in their scenes. There have

been many cathartic discussions as students identify with themes and characters in the play."

Among the other options available was *The Little Shop of Horrors* and *Chicago*, both musicals.

Abigail said after staging the show for the school principal, the HHSS version will be altered slightly to adhere to board guidelines, which includes toning down of the profanity.

The play is intended for a "mature audience," which starts from high school age and up.

The show opens Dec. 15 with a 2 p.m. matinee, followed by a 7 p.m. later that day. Evening performances will be on Dec. 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. To purchase tickets or for information call 705-457-2950.

Abigail is hoping the public comes away from watching the play with a new perspective on the teenage journey.

"I hope that the audience is able to walk away with the belief that this play is so much more than the superficial meanings and stereotypes that are put on it. I hope they are able to see a little into what goes on inside of a teenager's life as well as be able to relate to some characters on a more personal level," she wrote.



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# County to change advisory committee format

The County of Haliburton will be changing its advisory committee structure for a year's trial in 2020 to see how it goes.

Currently, the county's advisory committees consist of some of the county's eight councillors, along with senior staff for a given department. The roads advisory

committee, for example, includes five councillors, who hear recommendations from senior staff, discuss and then make recommendations to county council as a whole. A different member of council chairs each of those committees. Committee meetings are held the second Wednesday

of most months, with a full council meeting on the fourth Wednesday. The majority of the time, recommendations from advisory committees are ultimately passed by county council.

For 2020, the format will switch to a committee-of-the-whole model; with all

members of county council sitting in a large committee meeting that will essentially meld most of the existing advisory committee meetings together.

"I don't think there's necessarily a right or a wrong way, but I favour a committee-of-the-whole structure," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts during a Nov. 27 county council meeting. Haliburton County council consists of the mayors and deputy mayors of each of the county's four lower-tier municipalities.

On days when committee meetings are held, most county councillors are there most of the day, with breaks between during committee meetings they are not part of. Procedurally, while watching a committee they are not part of, they are essentially a member of the public, therefore not involved in the conversation. However, as Roberts pointed out, often in these scenarios, if an observing councillor in the gallery has a point they would like to make, the chair often allows this.

Her colleagues were supportive of giving the model a trial run in 2020.

The Township of Minden Hills uses a committee-of-the-whole model. While it still has citizen advisory committees, reports from those committees are brought to a committee-of-the-whole meeting (consisting of all members of council) mid-month, where recommendations are discussed, and those recommendations are then either passed or not at a full council meeting near the end of each month.

As Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin pointed out, during Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meetings, whichever council member chairs a respective advisory committee acts as the committee-of-the-whole chairperson for the portion of the meeting where that portfolio is being discussed. He suggested that county committee-of-the-whole meeting could use the same format, with the chairs of existing committees becoming temporary chairs during the course of the meeting, with the meeting opened and adjourned by the warden.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, who was county warden for 2019 and has been acclaimed by colleagues to serve again as warden for 2020, said she could see the benefits to such a format, but didn't want to see councillors' remuneration shrink as a result.

"I wouldn't like to see anybody paid less than they are now," she said.

County councillors currently receive \$80 per committee meeting on top of their remuneration for attending regular meetings. Base remuneration for county councillors, paid on per diem basis, equates to just more than \$8,000 per year, or more in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range for whoever is warden for the year. That's on top of their remuneration at their respective lower-tier levels. Mayors and deputy mayors throughout the county's four lower-tier townships make somewhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year, varying by township. Municipal political positions in the county are considered part time.

Roberts suggested the remuneration could work out so that councillors' overall income would not drop.

Chief administrative officer Mike Rutter was asked if a committee-of-the-whole structure would reduce work for staff. He said perhaps slightly, not significantly, and stressed that shouldn't be a factor in council's decision.

Ultimately, councillors were favourable to trying the new format for year.

There are a few advisory committees that include members of the public such as committees for tourism and accessibility, and those committee structures would remain the same, it was indicated at the meeting.

*Chad Ingram, Staff*

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Santa Claus points at Bria Baragar's sweater with the words, "Oh, deer" at the photo session following the parade on Sunday afternoon.



Jenna Scott smiles at her two-year-old son, Carter Easton, who is excited about receiving a train after asking Santa for a "choo-choo" at the annual Christmas event.

Haliburton and District Lions Club past-president David Mills waves while marching with the club flag.



### Santa visits Wilberforce

Santa Claus waves during the parade in Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec. 8. People filled the streets for the Santa Claus parade and then went into the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre for photos with Santa taken by Tammy Donaldson, who gave prints. More than 200 wrapped gifts were given to children up to 10 years old, there was food and refreshments and plenty of Christmas cheer thanks to volunteer firefighters, community volunteers, the Municipality of Highlands East, local businesses and the Santa Fund Committee. /DARREN LUM Staff



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**Bulldogs stand firm, holding off junior Hawks**

Red Hawks guard Jackson Wilson leaps, looking for a teammate while avoiding a Brock High School player in Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday, Dec. 5 in Haliburton. The Hawks' late-game heroics fell short and they lost 39-31 to the Bulldogs in their home opener. The Hawks were led by Bronson McCord with 13 points, followed by Wilson, who scored eight. / DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Red Hawks players (in white) Nick Phippen, left, and Bronson McCord jostle for position.



Left, Red Hawks player Bronson McCord stands at the free throw line.

# Hal High wrestlers show up to win

Wrestlers from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hit the mats in fine form at the first tournament of the 2019/20 season.

Seven representatives of the Red Hawks Wrestling Team travelled to Peterborough on Dec. 5, to compete at the Kenner Rams Wrestling Invitational, which attracted over 130 athletes from the COSSA region and beyond.

HHSS wrestlers had an outstanding day at the tournament. Overall, the team posted 19 wins and only three losses! All Red Hawks athletes competed extremely well throughout the day, showing the region that Hal High wrestlers show up to win.

Nic Graham (89 kg), Eli Samson (83 kg) and Connie Oh (57.5 kg) went undefeated in the senior divisions and returned home as champions of their respective weight classes. In the junior division, Grade 9 student Levi Samson (89 kg) wrestled solidly in his first tournament ever and won every one of his matches to take home the gold.

Owen Wootton (72 kg) placed second in his weight class, showing that no one can escape his pinning holds. Brooklyn Spence (51 kg) and Ethan Coles (67.5 kg) each posted a record of three wins and one loss to grab the bronze.

Congratulations to all wrestlers on a fantastic set of results!

*Submitted by Paul Klose*



Red Hawks wrestlers, back row from left, Eli Samson, Levi Samson, Ethan Coles, Owen Wootton, front row from left, Connie Oh, Brooklyn Spence and Nic Graham all won medals at the Kenner Rams Wrestling Invitational on Dec. 5 in Peterborough. The team finished with 19 wins to three losses on the day where more than 130 wrestlers from COSSA schools competed. Submitted by Paul Klose.



# Sr Hawks contain Bulldogs in home opener

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Everyone got what they wanted from the Red Hawks senior boys' basketball home opener against the Brock High School Bulldogs on Thursday, Dec. 5 in Haliburton.

The hometown fans went home happy and proud of the red and white. The Hawks players earned the satisfaction from the win against an A classified school, and have a clean start to the season. The coach got the effort and execution ... at least for most of the game. The rookies showed their mettle, fitting in and not looking uncomfortable.

Co-coach Paul Longo, who coaches with Sam Little, said he loved his team's effort despite the finish, which saw the Bulldogs reduce a 17-point lead down to six at the buzzer.

"It was a nice way to start, get a win. You know, we were up pretty good there in the fourth quarter. We let them back in with some threes, but overall pretty happy with the effort and everybody's contributing, which is great. We had some new guys. Two or three guys, who haven't played any organized ball in high school. And now they've come in, listening and have learned fast," he said.

He adds Micheal Stevens had five points in the fourth quarter, which was huge. Kyle Davis had two buckets in the post.

"I'm really happy with the overall effort of all 15 guys," he said.

Who loves pressure? Well, from watching the home opener, the Hawks really like to put the screws to their opponent. Longo said he liked the way his players executed the press and how they hustled.

"They like to press. These guys like to run and get in [and get] dirty," he said, referring to tenacity and on-ball aggression, but not illegal play. "So, I really was impressed by our second unit there today: Teo O'Malley, Tevan Sullivan, James Alexander, and our big guys, Jaxon [Gill] and Ethan Glecoff. I really like the way they were calm on the floor today and had some great defensive stops. They gave us some buckets. So, yeah, overall a good start."

Longo said this is the first senior game for all of the players since the Hawks did not have a senior team last year. A few players, he added, never even played high school ball before.

When asked about the few occurrences when the team lost its composure and appeared to rush, leading to several turnovers, Longo chalked it up to youthful exuberance.

"That's just typical of high school where guys just



Red Hawks players Camden Marra, left, and Brian Kim converge on a Brock High School defender during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday, Dec. 5 in Haliburton. The Hawks hung on for the 52-46 win, holding off a hard charging Bulldogs team to win the home opener. Although Kim led the Hawks with nine points, the Hawks had contributions up and down the lineup with 12 different players scoring at least one basket. /DARREN LUM Staff

lose their minds for a bit and then you got to settle them down, but these guys, you know, most of these guys have been playing together since Grade 9 now. We're three years in. They know each other and they're really starting to feel comfortable with each other on the floor. I don't know what this year will hold overall for senior [boys] we're hoping for good things. Again, we're kind of building for next year too. As a Grade 12 squad next year, I think we could do some very serious damage," he said.

Ten of the 15 are in Grade 11, he said. Three are in Grade 12 and two in their fifth year.

Longo points out his starting five (Marra, Kim, Dupret-Smith, Joe Boice, Ryan Mee) for this game are all Grade 11s.

"That's big for them get a nice big win against, you know, a team that has a bunch of Grade 12s on it so that's good," he said.

Although the team had three set lines of five play the game, Longo said not to expect that to be the practice.

"First game of the year I wanted everybody to feel the floor and get into it and feel like they're part of something, and they are. And, I told them in the dressing room after, I said, we don't really have three lines. I can throw anybody on with anybody else and I wanted to do it today. I didn't know if it was going to work or not. I was ready to pull it off pretty quickly, but I felt it was working. I felt like it was working. Everybody was contributing. All three groups were contributing and, again, the most important thing we played really good D in the first half. We held them to 17 points in the first half so I think near the end there we got a bit lazy on D because we thought the game was out of reach," he said, referring to how a 17-point lead was reduced to six. "Basketball can change on a dime, right? No lead is safe."

The overall message for his team was that he appreciated the effort and how they executed in the defensive end, particularly in the first half.

"Really good start. Impressive D in the first half. We got lots of work to do," he said.



Red Hawks player Ethan Glecoff attempts to break free from a Brock High School defender.

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Deals and treats bring women out to shop

Diane Peacock browses the books at Master's Book Store during Ladies Night, organized by the Downtown Haliburton BIA. There were deals and snacks at shops up and down the main street, a warming station with hot chocolate, carolers singing Christmas classics, and a shopping "passport" that offered a chance to win one of five \$100 Foodland gift cards. /JENN WATT Staff

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  - 16. Densest naturally occurring element
  - 17. Home of the Brewers
  - 19. Atomic #44
  - 20. Vetches
  - 22. Moved earth with a tool
  - 23. Cavalry sword
  - 25. Supplements with difficulty
  - 26. Encouraged
  - 28. Speech defect
  - 29. Periodical (abbr.)
  - 30. Very cold
  - 31. \_\_ Paulo, city
  - 33. Former OSS
  - 34. Approves food
  - 36. Cars need them
  - 38. Sweden's dominant phone company
  - 40. Long lock of a woman's hair
  - 41. North American natives
  - 43. Fly high
  - 44. One type is fire
  - 45. Nocturnal bird
  - 47. More than one male
  - 48. LOTR actor McKellen
  - 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- CLUES DOWN

  - 1. Capital of Zambia
  - 2. Article
  - 3. Country star LeAnn
  - 4. Egyptian goddess
  - 5. Afflict in mind or body
  - 6. Showy but cheap
  - 7. Belgian urban center
  - 8. Short-winged diving seabird
  - 9. Deploys
  - 10. Ballplayers can legally do it
  - 11. Centiliter
  - 12. Contrary beliefs
  - 13. Type of pole
  - 15. Distinguish oneself
  - 18. 8th month of the year
- CLUES ACROSS

  - 21. One who monitors
  - 24. Petty quarreling
  - 26. Fiddler crabs
  - 27. Touch lightly
  - 30. American state
  - 32. Pro wrestler Randy
  - 35. Indicates spelling mistake
  - 37. Macaws
  - 38. Gradually narrowed
  - 39. Installments
  - 42. Female sheep
  - 43. Politician
  - 46. Servant
  - 47. Said to facilitate concentration
  - 49. California ballplayers
  - 50. Once Toledo's tallest building
  - 52. A type of pie
  - 54. State of southwestern India
  - 55. Principal member of Norse religion
  - 57. Counterspy
  - 59. Wellness practice
  - 62. \_\_-de-sac: dead end street
  - 63. Used to cook
  - 66. Type of hospital
  - 68. Direct message

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Holikha Tek, owner of TEK Jewellers, shows two shoppers a pearl necklace at his shop on Highland Street Dec. 5 during Ladies Night.



Pat Rugelis, left, and Barb van den Hoek, both from Haliburton, came to Glecoff's Family Store during Ladies Night to check out the deals. Stores up and down the main street were open late for shoppers.



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**Toronto/Haliburton man wins first early bird draw**  
John Bailey of Toronto/Haliburton was the winner of the \$1,000 early bird draw held on Dec. 5 outside the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation office in Haliburton. HHHS Foundation board members attended the draw. The next early bird draw is Jan. 15. The three final draws are on Feb. 14 worth \$20,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. To get your ticket, go to [hhhs.ca/foundation](http://hhhs.ca/foundation) or call 705-457-1580. / Photo submitted by Lisa Tompkins



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(Applicant – SAINTHILL)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF GOODERHAM LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 2020**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 25, Concession 7, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of survey made by **Greg Bishop Surveying And Consulting Ltd., dated October 2, 2019.**

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

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Monday, December 23, 2019  
**Quiet Christmas Service**  
St. George's, Haliburton 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 24, 2019  
**Christmas Eve**  
St. George's - Lessons & Carols 4:00 pm  
St. George's - Carol Singing 9:45 pm  
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## A holiday hallmark

Santa Claus was in his usual high spirits, waving to the crowd of children and adults who lined the streets for the Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton on Friday night, Nov. 26. See more photos on page 4. **Darren Lum** Echo Staff

# Hospice units next phase for hospital?

**Chad Ingram**  
 Staff reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is looking at the creation of a palliative care, hospice-type space at its Haliburton Village facility.

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush told members of the HHHS board at its Nov. 25 meeting that increased palliative care space was something the county would need as its aging population continues to get older.

Rosebush said that at the Haliburton facility there is space behind the maternity area and lounge to build a small addition allowing for a two-bed palliative environment, with a kitchen, a family waiting room and a separate entrance to the outdoors.

The addition could be built off an existing patient room, the entrance to which would be outfitted with doors for increased privacy.

"Two beds I think is reasonable . . . and appropriate for our community," Rosebush said, adding that "it's not something that can happen overnight."

He said a feasibility study for such a project would be required to see how much funding is available.

The Central East Local Health Integration Network, of which Haliburton County is part, does receive provincial monies to go towards palliative care, although these funds are rarely taken advantage of.

"In a small, rural community, it is almost impossible to generate a stand-alone, hospice facility," Rosebush said, explaining that such a facility would not be used frequently enough to make paying staff and operational costs worth-

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